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Amendment

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A vehicle mirror assembly comprising:
 - (A) a mirror having a back surface and an outer peripheral surface;
 - (B) a mirror visor supporting the mirror, the mirror visor having a visor cover opposing the back surface of the mirror, and a visor rim covering the outer peripheral surface of the mirror;
 - (C) a bracket accommodated within the mirror visor;
 - (D) a door mirror stay adapted to be connected to the door of a vehicle, and
 - (E) a retracting unit having a stand and a rotating portion connecting said bracket to said door mirror stay,

wherein said stand is secured to said door mirror stay via a plurality of fasteners, and wherein said bracket and said rotating portion are connected via at least one fastener.
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3. (Previously Presented) The vehicle mirror assembly according to Claim 1 further comprising a mirror surface adjustment unit disposed between the bracket and the mirror and connected to the bracket and the mirror.
4. (Previously Presented) The vehicle mirror assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the bracket includes opposite surfaces, and the visor rim is mounted to the surface of the bracket from the mirror side, and the visor cover is mounted from the opposite surface side of the bracket.
5. (Original) The vehicle mirror assembly according to Claim 3, wherein the visor cover is mounted to one of the bracket and the mirror surface adjustment unit.

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6. (Original) The vehicle mirror assembly according to Claim 5 further comprising a fastener structure including a plurality of fastener elements provided at the visor cover, and a plurality of corresponding fastener elements provided at one of the bracket and the mirror surface adjustment unit.

7. (Currently Amended) A method for assembling a vehicle mirror assembly, wherein the assembly includes a mirror having an outer peripheral surface and a back surface, a mirror visor having a visor cover for covering the back surface of the mirror, a visor rim for covering the outer peripheral surface of the mirror, a retracting unit having a stand and a rotating portion, and a bracket having opposite surfaces, the method comprising:

mounting the rotating portion of the retracting unit to the bracket with at least one fastener;

mounting the visor rim to one surface of the bracket;

mounting the visor cover to one of the other surface of the bracket and the visor rim from the other surface side of the bracket, and

mounting the stand of the retracting unit to a door mirror stay with a plurality of fasteners to mount the vehicle mirror assembly to the door of a vehicle.

8. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 7, further comprising placing the bracket on a bracket jig before mounting the visor rim to one surface of the bracket.

9. (Original) The method according to Claim 7, further comprising disposing the bracket substantially horizontally before mounting the visor rim.

10. (Original) The method according to Claim 7, further comprising mounting the mirror to one surface of the bracket after mounting the visor rim before mounting the visor cover.

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11. (Original) The method according to Claim 10, wherein the mirror is mounted via a mirror surface adjustment unit to the bracket.

12. (Original) The method according to Claim 8, further comprising removing the bracket from the bracket jig after mounting the visor rim and before mounting the visor cover.

13. (Original) The method according to Claim 12, wherein removing the bracket from the bracket jig includes repositioning the bracket to face in the opposite direction.

14. (Original) The method according to Claim 13, wherein the bracket is repositioned substantially horizontally.

15. (Currently Amended) A method for assembling a vehicle mirror assembly, wherein the assembly includes a mirror having an outer peripheral surface and a back surface, a mirror visor for covering the back surface and outer peripheral surfaces of the mirror, a retracting unit having a stand and a rotating portion, and a bracket having opposite surfaces for accommodation within the mirror visor, the method comprising:

mounting the rotating portion of the retracting unit to the bracket with at least one fastener;

mounting the mirror to one surface of the bracket;

mounting the mirror visor to the other surface of the bracket from the other surface side of the bracket, and

mounting the plate-like stand of the retracting unit to a door mirror stay with a plurality of fasteners to mount the vehicle mirror assembly to the door of a vehicle.

16. (Original) The method according to Claim 15, further comprising placing the bracket on a bracket jig before mounting the mirror to one surface of the bracket.

17. (Original) The method according to Claim 15, further comprising disposing the bracket substantially horizontally before mounting the mirror to one surface of the bracket.

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18. (Original) The method according to Claim 15, wherein the mirror is mounted via a mirror surface adjustment unit to the bracket.

19. (Original) The method according to Claim 16, further comprising removing the bracket from the bracket jig after mounting the mirror and before mounting the mirror visor.

20. (Original) The method according to Claim 19, wherein removing the bracket from the bracket jig includes repositioning the bracket to face in the opposite direction.

21. (Currently Amended) A method for assembling a vehicle mirror assembly, wherein the assembly includes a mirror having an outer peripheral surface and a back surface, a mirror visor for covering the back surface and outer peripheral surfaces of the mirror, a retracting unit having a plate-like stand and a rotating portion, and a bracket having opposite surfaces for accommodation within the mirror visor, the method comprising:

mounting the rotating portion of the retracting unit to the bracket with at least one fastener;

mounting the mirror to one surface of the bracket;

mounting the mirror visor to the other surface of the bracket from the other surface side of the bracket;

mounting the plate-like stand of the retracting unit to a door mirror stay with a plurality of fasteners to mount the vehicle mirror assembly to the door of a vehicle, and further including the steps of

placing the bracket on a bracket jig before mounting the mirror to one surface of the bracket;

removing the bracket from the bracket jig after mounting the mirror and before mounting the mirror visor,

wherein removing the bracket from the bracket jig includes repositioning the bracket to face in the opposite direction.